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EXDIS FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, CU

SUBJECT: US DISCUSSIONS WITH CUBA

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING ORAL MESSAGE TO THE FOREIGN
MINISTER MARCH 24 PRIOR TO 1200 HOURS WASHINGTON TIME.

2. BEGIN MESSAGE: WE WILL SHORTLY ANNOUNCE PUBLICLY THAT
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVES HAVE JUST MET WITH RE-
PRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA. OUR GOVERNMENT
HAD PREVIOUSLY INDICATED THAT IT WAS PREPARED TO RESPOND
POSITIVELY TO A CUBAN INITIATIVE THAT TALKS TAKE PLACE
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES ON THE UNITED STATES LAW ESTAB-
LISHING A 200 MILE FISHERIES CONSERVATION ZONE ON MARCH 1.
IN THESE INITIAL AND EXPLORATORY DISCUSSIONS WE ALSO TOLD
THE CUBANS THAT WE WISH TO DISCUSS OTHER OUTSTANDING ISSUES
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BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

3. IT IS, OF COURSE, IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE HOW THESE
DISCUSSIONS WILL DEVELOP, PARTICULARLY GIVEN CUBAN PRE-
CONDITIONS FOR NEGOTIATIONS. THE ISSUES IN US-CUBAN
RELATIONS ARE EXTREMELY COMPLEX AND WE DO NOT MINIMIZE
THE DIFFICULTIES TO BE ENCOUNTERED IN ADDRESSING THEM,

MUCH LESS IN RESOLVING THEM.

4. I WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED IN ADVANCE OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN THESE DISCUSSIONS AS THEY OCCUR.

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